

I'm appalled by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. I find this stunning example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This is what we get when large companies control the airwaves - slanted, biased programming based on the owner's personal agenda. We don't get what we need for our democracy. Centralized control of the mass media by fewer and fewer interests threatens democracy in a way few other public institutions can.

Sinclair's actions demonstrate the weakness of current media ownership rules. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.